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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CREATIVE
ECONOMY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this section:
- 2 (1) "Creative economy" (A) includes the cultural goods and services
3 produced and distributed by artists, cultural nonprofit organizations,
4 and creative individuals and businesses that impact the economy by
5 generating jobs and revenue and improving the quality of life, and (B)
6 consists of a creative cluster, a creative workforce and a creative
7 community;
- 8 (2) "Creative cluster" means a grouping of creative, cultural and
9 innovative individuals or enterprises that directly or indirectly
10 produce or provide cultural ideas, works or services;
- 11 (3) "Creative workforce" means individuals who are trained in
12 specific cultural and artistic skills and drive the success of leading
13 industries that include, but are not limited to, arts and culture; and

14 (4) "Creative community" means a geographic area with a
15 concentration of creative workers, creative businesses and cultural
16 organizations.

17 (b) There is established a task force to study the creative economy in
18 this state. The task force shall (1) perform an economic analysis of the
19 cultural industries and cultural workforce in this state; (2) examine the
20 economic force of the cultural sector in this state; (3) analyze methods
21 by which to brand this state as a leader in the creative economy; (4)
22 attempt to foster and demonstrate the cultural sector and its ability to
23 attract economic activity to this state; (5) develop education and career
24 paths for creative industries; and (6) explore methods by which to
25 expand the creative workforce and creative economy in order to create
26 more jobs in this state.

27 (c) The task force shall consist of the following members:

28 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

29 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

30 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
31 Representatives;

32 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

33 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
34 Representatives;

35 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

36 (7) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,
37 or the commissioner's designee;

38 (8) The Commissioner of Higher Education, or the commissioner's
39 designee;

40 (9) The executive director of the Connecticut Commission on

41 Culture and Tourism, or the executive director's designee;

42 (10) An administrator or faculty member from the arts department
43 of The University of Connecticut, who shall be appointed by the
44 Commissioner of Higher Education;

45 (11) An administrator or faculty member from the arts department
46 of the Connecticut State University System, who shall be appointed by
47 the Commissioner of Higher Education;

48 (12) An administrator or faculty member from the arts department
49 of one of the regional community-technical colleges, who shall be
50 appointed by the Commissioner of Higher Education;

51 (13) An administrator or faculty member from the arts department
52 of three of the nonprofit independent institutions of higher education
53 in this state, who shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Higher
54 Education;

55 (14) Five representatives of the regional arts councils in this state
56 that are identified as regional arts councils by the Connecticut
57 Commission on Culture and Tourism, who shall be designated by such
58 regional arts councils;

59 (15) A representative of the Office of Workforce Competitiveness,
60 who shall be appointed by the Governor; and

61 (16) A designee of the Labor Commissioner who has experience in
62 labor market information.

63 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
64 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
65 filled by the appointing authority.

66 (e) One chairperson of the task force shall be the Commissioner of
67 Economic and Community Development. The speaker of the House of
68 Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate shall

69 select the second chairperson of the task force from among the
70 members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first
71 meeting of the task force, which shall be held no later than sixty days
72 after the effective date of this section.

73 (f) The administrative staff of the Department of Economic and
74 Community Development and the Office of Workforce
75 Competitiveness shall serve as administrative staff of the task force by
76 means of a reallocation of funding from other agency accounts or
77 programs. The Department of Economic and Community
78 Development, by reallocating funding from other agency accounts or
79 programs, shall be the lead agency for purposes of conducting the
80 study described in subsection (b) of this section.

81 (g) Not later than February 1, 2012, and annually thereafter, for five
82 years, the task force shall submit a report on its findings and
83 recommendations to the joint standing committees of the General
84 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education
85 and employment advancement and commerce, in accordance with the
86 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall
87 terminate on the date that it submits such report or February 1, 2017,
88 whichever is later.

89 Sec. 2. Section 32-4e of the general statutes is repealed and the
90 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

91 (a) As used in sections 32-4f to 32-4h, inclusive, "economic cluster"
92 means a grouping of industries linked together through customer,
93 supplier or other relationships.

94 (b) As used in sections 32-1m, as amended by this act, and 32-1o, as
95 amended by this act, "creative cluster" means a grouping of creative,
96 cultural and innovative individuals or enterprises that directly or
97 indirectly produce or provide cultural ideas, works or services.

98 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 32-1m of the general statutes is

99 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
100 *October 1, 2011*):

101 (a) Not later than February 1, 2006, and annually thereafter, the
102 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall
103 submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly, in
104 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a. Not later than thirty
105 days after submission of the report to the Governor and the General
106 Assembly, said commissioner shall post the report on the Department
107 of Economic and Community Development's web site. Said report
108 shall include, but not be limited to, the following information with
109 regard to the activities of the Department of Economic and
110 Community Development during the preceding state fiscal year:

111 (1) A brief description and assessment of the state's economy during
112 such year, utilizing the most recent and reasonably available data, and
113 including:

114 (A) Connecticut employment by industry;

115 (B) Connecticut and national average unemployment;

116 (C) Connecticut gross state product, by industry;

117 (D) Connecticut productivity, by industry, compared to the national
118 average;

119 (E) Connecticut manufacturing activity;

120 (F) Identification of economic and competitive conditions affecting
121 Connecticut's industry sectors, problems resulting from these
122 conditions and state efforts to address the problems;

123 (G) A brief summary of Connecticut's competitiveness as a place for
124 business, which shall include, but not be limited to, an evaluation of (i)
125 how the programs and policies of state government affect the state
126 economy and state business environment, (ii) the ability of the state to

127 retain and attract businesses, (iii) the steps taken by other states to
128 improve the competitiveness of such states as places for business, and
129 (iv) programs and policies the state could implement to improve the
130 competitiveness of the state in order to encourage economic growth;
131 and

132 (H) Any other economic information that the commissioner deems
133 appropriate.

134 (2) A statement of the department's economic and community
135 development objectives, measures of program success and standards
136 for granting financial and nonfinancial assistance under programs
137 administered by the department.

138 (3) An analysis of the economic development portfolio of the
139 department, including:

140 (A) A list of the names, addresses and locations of all recipients of
141 the department's assistance;

142 (B) The following information concerning each recipient of such
143 assistance: (i) Business activities, (ii) standard industrial classification
144 codes or North American industrial classification codes, (iii) number of
145 full-time jobs and part-time jobs at the time of application, (iv) number
146 of actual full-time jobs and actual part-time jobs during the preceding
147 state fiscal year, (v) whether the recipient is a minority or woman-
148 owned business, (vi) a summary of the terms and conditions for the
149 assistance, including the type and amount of state financial assistance,
150 job creation or retention requirements and anticipated wage rates, (vii)
151 the amount of investments from private and other nonstate sources
152 that have been leveraged by the assistance, (viii) the extent to which
153 employees of the recipient participate in health benefit plans offered
154 by such recipient, (ix) the extent to which the recipient offers unique
155 economic, social, cultural or aesthetic attributes to the municipality in
156 which the recipient is located or to the state, and (x) the amount of
157 state investment;

158 (C) A portfolio analysis, including (i) an analysis of the wages paid
159 by recipients of financial assistance, (ii) the average portfolio wage,
160 median portfolio wage, highest and lowest portfolio wage, (iii)
161 portfolio wage data by industry, and (iv) portfolio wage data by
162 municipality;

163 (D) An investment analysis, including (i) total portfolio value, (ii)
164 total investment by industry, (iii) portfolio dollar per job average, (iv)
165 portfolio leverage ratio, and (v) percentage of financial assistance
166 which was provided to high performance work organizations in the
167 preceding state fiscal year; and

168 (E) An analysis of the estimated economic effects of the
169 department's economic development investments on the state's
170 economy, including (i) contribution to gross state product for the total
171 economic development portfolio and for any investment activity
172 occurring in the preceding state fiscal year, (ii) direct and indirect
173 employment created by the investments for the total portfolio and for
174 any investment activity occurring in the preceding state fiscal year, (iii)
175 productivity of recipients of financial assistance as a result of the
176 department's investment occurring in the preceding state fiscal year,
177 (iv) directly or indirectly increased property values in the
178 municipalities in which the recipients of assistance are located, and (v)
179 personal income.

180 (4) An analysis of the community development portfolio of the
181 department, including:

182 (A) A list of the names, addresses and locations of all recipients of
183 the department's assistance;

184 (B) The following information concerning each recipient of such
185 assistance: (i) Amount of state investment, (ii) a summary of the terms
186 and conditions for the department's assistance, including the type and
187 amount of state financial assistance, and (iii) the amount of
188 investments from private and other nonstate sources that have been

189 leveraged by such assistance;

190 (C) An investment analysis, including (i) total active portfolio value,
191 (ii) total investments made in the preceding state fiscal year, (iii) total
192 portfolio by municipality, (iv) total investments made in the preceding
193 state fiscal year categorized by municipality, (v) total portfolio
194 leverage ratio, and (vi) leverage ratio of the total investments made in
195 the preceding state fiscal year; and

196 (D) An analysis of the estimated economic effects of the
197 department's economic development investments on the state's
198 economy, including (i) contribution to gross state product for the total
199 portfolio and for any investment activity occurring in the preceding
200 state fiscal year, (ii) direct and indirect employment created by the
201 investments for the total portfolio and for any investment activity
202 occurring in the preceding state fiscal year, (iii) productivity of
203 recipients of financial assistance as a result of the department's
204 investment occurring in the preceding state fiscal year, (iv) directly or
205 indirectly increased property values in the municipalities in which the
206 recipients are located, and (v) personal income.

207 (5) A summary of the department's economic and community
208 development marketing efforts in the preceding state fiscal year, a
209 summary of the department's business recruitment strategies and
210 activities in such year, and a summary of the department's efforts to
211 assist small businesses and minority business enterprises in such year.

212 (6) A summary of the department's international trade efforts in the
213 preceding state fiscal year, and, to the extent possible, a summary of
214 foreign direct investment that occurred in the state in such year.

215 (7) Identification of existing economic and creative clusters, as
216 defined in section 32-4e, as amended by this act, the formation of new
217 economic and creative clusters, the measures taken by the
218 commissioner during the preceding state fiscal year to encourage the
219 growth of economic and creative clusters and the amount of bond

220 funds expended by the department during the previous fiscal year on
221 each economic and creative cluster.

222 (8) (A) A summary of the department's brownfield-related efforts
223 and activities within the Office of Brownfield Remediation and
224 Development established pursuant to subsections (a) to (f), inclusive,
225 of section 32-9cc in the preceding state fiscal year, except for activity
226 under the Special Contaminated Property Remediation and Insurance
227 Fund program. Such efforts shall include, but not be limited to, (i) total
228 portfolio investment in brownfield remediation projects, (ii) total
229 investment in brownfield remediation projects in the preceding state
230 fiscal year, (iii) total number of brownfield remediation projects, (iv)
231 total number of brownfield remediation projects in the preceding state
232 fiscal year, (v) total of reclaimed and remediated acreage, (vi) total of
233 reclaimed and remediated acreage in the preceding state fiscal year,
234 (vii) leverage ratio for the total portfolio investment in brownfield
235 remediation projects, and (viii) leverage ratio for the total portfolio
236 investment in brownfield remediation projects in the preceding state
237 fiscal year. Such summary shall include a list of such brownfield
238 remediation projects and, for each such project, the name of the
239 developer and the location by street address and municipality and a
240 tracking of all funds administered through or by said office;

241 (B) A summary of the department's efforts with regard to the
242 Special Contaminated Property Remediation and Insurance Fund,
243 including, but not limited to, (i) the number of applications received in
244 the preceding state fiscal year, (ii) the number and amounts of loans
245 made in such year, (iii) the names of the applicants for such loans, (iv)
246 the average time period between submission of application and the
247 decision to grant or deny the loan, (v) a list of the applications
248 approved and the applications denied and the reasons for such
249 denials, and (vi) for each project, the location by street address and
250 municipality; and

251 (C) A summary of the department's efforts with regard to the dry

252 cleaning grant program, established pursuant to section 12-263m,
253 including, but not limited to, (i) information as to the number of
254 applications received, (ii) the number and amounts of grants made
255 since the inception of the program, (iii) the names of the applicants,
256 (iv) the time period between submission of application and the
257 decision to grant or deny the loan, (v) which applications were
258 approved and which applications were denied and the reasons for any
259 denials, and (vi) a recommendation as to whether the surcharge and
260 grant program established pursuant to section 12-263m should
261 continue.

262 (9) The following information concerning enterprise zones
263 designated under section 32-70:

264 (A) A statement of the current goals for enterprise zones;

265 (B) A statement of the current performance standards to measure
266 the progress of municipalities that have enterprise zones in attaining
267 the goals for such zones;

268 (C) A report from each municipality that has an enterprise zone,
269 which evaluates the progress of the municipality in meeting the
270 performance standards established under section 32-70a; and

271 (D) An assessment of the performance of each enterprise zone based
272 on information collected under subparagraph (C) of this subdivision.

273 (10) With regard to the grant program designated pursuant to
274 sections 32-324a to 32-324e, inclusive, an assessment of program
275 performance.

276 (11) With regard to the fuel diversification program designated
277 pursuant to section 32-324g, an assessment of program performance.

278 (12) With regard to the department's housing-development-related
279 functions and activities:

280 (A) A brief description and assessment of the state's housing market
281 during the preceding state fiscal year, utilizing the most recent and
282 reasonably available data, and including, but not limited to, (i) a brief
283 description of the significant characteristics of such market, including
284 supply, demand and condition and cost of housing, and (ii) any other
285 information that the commissioner deems appropriate;

286 (B) A comprehensive assessment of current and future needs for
287 rental assistance under section 8-119kk for housing projects for the
288 elderly and disabled, in consultation with the Connecticut Housing
289 Finance Authority;

290 (C) An analysis of the progress of the public and private sectors
291 toward meeting housing needs in the state, using building permit data
292 from the United States Census Bureau and demolition data from
293 Connecticut municipalities;

294 (D) A list of municipalities that meet the affordable housing criteria
295 set forth in subsection (k) of section 8-30g, pursuant to regulations that
296 the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall
297 adopt pursuant to the provisions of chapter 54. For the purpose of
298 determining the percentage required by subsection (k) of said section
299 8-30g, the commissioner shall use as the denominator the number of
300 dwelling units in the municipality, as reported in the most recent
301 United States decennial census; and

302 (E) A statement of the department's housing development
303 objectives, measures of program success and standards for granting
304 financial and nonfinancial assistance under programs administered by
305 said commissioner.

306 (13) A presentation of the state-funded housing development
307 portfolio of the department, including:

308 (A) A list of the names, addresses and locations of all recipients of
309 such assistance; and

310 (B) For each such recipient, (i) a summary of the terms and
311 conditions for the assistance, including the type and amount of state
312 financial assistance, (ii) the amount of investments from private and
313 other nonstate sources that have been leveraged by the assistance, (iii)
314 the number of new units to be created and the number of units to be
315 preserved at the time of the application, and (iv) the number of actual
316 new units created and number of units preserved.

317 (14) An analysis of the state-funded housing development portfolio
318 of the department, including:

319 (A) An investment analysis, including the (i) total active portfolio
320 value, (ii) total investment made in the preceding state fiscal year, (iii)
321 portfolio dollar per new unit created, (iv) estimated dollars per new
322 unit created for projects receiving an assistance award in the preceding
323 state fiscal year, (v) portfolio dollars per unit preserved, (vi) estimated
324 dollar per unit preserved for projects receiving an assistance award in
325 the preceding state fiscal year, (vii) portfolio leverage ratio, and (viii)
326 leverage ratio for housing development investments made in the
327 preceding state fiscal year; and

328 (B) A production and preservation analysis, including (i) the total
329 number of units created, itemized by municipality, for the total
330 portfolio and projects receiving an assistance award in the preceding
331 state fiscal year, (ii) the total number of elderly units created for the
332 total portfolio and for projects receiving an assistance award in the
333 preceding state fiscal year, (iii) the total number of family units created
334 for the total portfolio and for projects receiving an assistance award in
335 the preceding state fiscal year, (iv) the total number of units preserved,
336 itemized by municipality, for the total portfolio and projects receiving
337 an assistance award in the preceding state fiscal year, (v) the total
338 number of elderly units preserved for the total portfolio and for
339 projects receiving an assistance award in the preceding state fiscal
340 year, (vi) the total number of family units preserved for the total
341 portfolio and for projects receiving an assistance award in the

342 preceding state fiscal year, (vii) an analysis by income group of
343 households served by the department's housing construction,
344 substantial rehabilitation, purchase and rental assistance programs, for
345 each housing development, if applicable, and for each program,
346 including number of households served under each program by race
347 and data for all households, and (viii) a summary of the department's
348 efforts in promoting fair housing choice and racial and economic
349 integration, including data on the racial composition of the occupants
350 and persons on the waiting list of each housing project that is assisted
351 under any housing program established by the general statutes or a
352 special act or that is supervised by the department, provided no
353 information shall be required to be disclosed by any occupant or
354 person on a waiting list for the preparation of such summary. As used
355 in this subparagraph, "elderly units" means dwelling units for which
356 occupancy is restricted by age, and "family units" means dwelling
357 units for which occupancy is not restricted by age.

358 (15) An economic impact analysis of the department's housing
359 development efforts and activities, including, but not limited to:

360 (A) The contribution of such efforts and activities to the gross state
361 product;

362 (B) The direct and indirect employment created by the investments
363 for the total housing development portfolio and for any investment
364 activity for such portfolio occurring in the preceding state fiscal year;
365 and

366 (C) Personal income in the state.

367 (16) With regard to the Housing Trust Fund and Housing Trust
368 Fund program, as those terms are defined in section 8-336m:

369 (A) Activities for the prior fiscal year of the Housing Trust Fund and
370 the Housing Trust Fund program; and

371 (B) The efforts of the department to obtain private support for the

372 Housing Trust Fund and the Housing Trust Fund program.

373 (17) With regard to the department's energy conservation loan
374 program:

375 (A) The number of loans or deferred loans made during the
376 preceding fiscal year under each component of such program and the
377 total amount of the loans or deferred loans made during such fiscal
378 year under each such component;

379 (B) A description of each step of the loan or deferred loan
380 application and review process;

381 (C) The location of each loan or deferred loan application intake site
382 for such program;

383 (D) The average time period for the processing of loan or deferred
384 loan applications during such fiscal year; and

385 (E) The total administrative expenses of such program for such
386 fiscal year.

387 (18) An assessment of the performance of the Connecticut qualified
388 biodiesel producer incentive account grant program established
389 pursuant to sections 32-324a to 32-324e, inclusive.

390 (19) An assessment of the performance of the fuel diversification
391 grant program established pursuant to section 32-324g.

392 (20) A summary of the total social and economic impact of the
393 department's efforts and activities in the areas of economic,
394 community and housing development, and an assessment of the
395 department's performance in terms of meeting its stated goals and
396 objectives.

397 (21) With regard to the Connecticut Credit Consortium established
398 pursuant to section 32-9yy, a summary of the activity of such program,
399 including, but not limited to, the number of loans and lines of credit

400 applied for and approved, the size of the businesses, the amount of the
401 loans or lines of credit, and the amount repaid to date.

402 (22) With regard to the office of the permit ombudsman, established
403 pursuant to section 32-726:

404 (A) The names of applicants for expedited review;

405 (B) The date of request for expedited review;

406 (C) The basis upon which the applicant claimed eligibility for
407 expedited review;

408 (D) State agencies that participated in the permit review process;

409 (E) The dates on which the permit was granted or denied via the
410 expedited review process or the date the applicant was determined not
411 to be eligible for expedited review; and

412 (F) If applicable, the reason the applicant was determined not to be
413 eligible for the expedited review process.

414 Sec. 4. Subsection (c) of section 32-1o of the general statutes is
415 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
416 *October 1, 2011*):

417 (c) The strategic plan required under this section shall include, but
418 not be limited to, the following:

419 (1) A review and evaluation of the economy of the state. Such
420 review and evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, a sectoral
421 analysis, housing market and housing affordability analysis, labor
422 market and labor quality analysis, demographic analysis and historic
423 trend analysis and projections;

424 (2) A review and analysis of factors, issues and forces that impact or
425 impede economic development and responsible growth in Connecticut
426 and its constituent regions. Such factors, issues or forces shall include,

427 but not be limited to, transportation, including, but not limited to,
428 commuter transit, rail and barge freight, technology transfer,
429 brownfield remediation and development, health care delivery and
430 costs, early education, primary education, secondary and
431 postsecondary education systems and student performance, business
432 regulation, labor force quality and sustainability, social services costs
433 and delivery systems, affordable and workforce housing cost and
434 availability, land use policy, emergency preparedness, taxation,
435 availability of capital and energy costs and supply;

436 (3) Identification and analysis of economic and creative clusters, as
437 defined in section 32-4e, as amended by this act, that are growing or
438 declining within the state;

439 (4) An analysis of targeted industry sectors in the state that (A)
440 identifies those industry sectors that are of current or future
441 importance to the growth of the state's economy and to its global
442 competitive position, (B) identifies what those industry sectors need
443 for continued growth, and (C) identifies those industry sectors' current
444 and potential impediments to growth;

445 (5) A review and evaluation of the economic development structure
446 in the state, including, but not limited to, (A) a review and analysis of
447 the past and current economic, community and housing development
448 structures, budgets and policies, efforts and responsibilities of its
449 constituent parts in Connecticut; and (B) an analysis of the
450 performance of the current economic, community and housing
451 development structure, and its individual constituent parts, in meeting
452 its statutory obligations, responsibilities and mandates and their
453 impact on economic development and responsible growth in
454 Connecticut;

455 (6) Establishment and articulation of a vision for Connecticut that
456 identifies where the state should be in five, ten, fifteen and twenty
457 years;

458 (7) Establishment of clear and measurable goals and objectives for
459 the state and regions, to meet the short and long-term goals established
460 under this section and provide clear steps and strategies to achieve
461 said goals and objectives, including, but not limited to, the following:
462 (A) The promotion of economic development and opportunity, (B) the
463 fostering of effective transportation access and choice including the use
464 of airports and ports for economic development, (C) enhancement and
465 protection of the environment, (D) maximization of the effective
466 development and use of the workforce consistent with applicable state
467 or local workforce investment strategy, (E) promotion of the use of
468 technology in economic development, including access to high-speed
469 telecommunications, and (F) the balance of resources through sound
470 management of physical development;

471 (8) Prioritization of goals and objectives established under this
472 section;

473 (9) Establishment of relevant measures that clearly identify and
474 quantify (A) whether a goal and objective is being met at the state,
475 regional, local and private sector level, and (B) cause and effect
476 relationships, and provide a clear and replicable measurement
477 methodology;

478 (10) Recommendations on how the state can best achieve goals
479 under the strategic plan and provide cost estimates for implementation
480 of the plan and the projected return on investment for those areas;

481 (11) A review and evaluation of the operation and efficacy of the
482 urban jobs program established pursuant to sections 32-9i to 32-9l,
483 inclusive, enterprise zones established pursuant to section 32-70,
484 railroad depot zones established pursuant to section 32-75a, qualified
485 manufacturing plants designated pursuant to section 32-75c,
486 entertainment districts established pursuant to section 32-76 and
487 enterprise corridor zones established pursuant to section 32-80. The
488 review and evaluation of enterprise zones shall include an analysis of
489 enterprise zones that have been expanded to include an area in a

490 contiguous municipality or in which there are base or plant closures;
491 and

492 (12) Any other responsible growth information that the
493 commissioner deems appropriate.

494 Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 4-124z of the general statutes is
495 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
496 *October 1, 2011*):

497 (a) The Office of Workforce Competitiveness, the Labor
498 Commissioner, the Commissioners of Economic and Community
499 Development, Education and Social Services, the Secretary of the
500 Office of Policy and Management and the Chancellor of the regional
501 community-technical colleges, in consultation with the superintendent
502 of the vocational-technical school system and one member of industry
503 representing each of the economic and creative clusters identified by
504 the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
505 pursuant to section 32-1m, as amended by this act, shall (1) review,
506 evaluate and, as necessary, recommend improvements for certification
507 and degree programs offered by the vocational-technical school system
508 and the community-technical college system to ensure that such
509 programs meet the employment needs of business and industry, and
510 (2) develop strategies to strengthen the linkage between skill standards
511 for education and training and the employment needs of business and
512 industry.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	32-4e
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	32-1m(a)
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	32-1o(c)
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	4-124z(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To develop the creative economy of this state.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]